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Local and Personal News.

Two weeks from today is Christmas. Miss Addie Gary, who has been in Kentucky for a month or more on a visit, came home last Monday.

T. T. Gentry, of Elsinore, has been here this week shaking hands with his many friends and visiting his son, Virgil.

J. H. Gregory and wife, of Du Quoin, Ill., were here the past week visiting their son, George, of this city, and other relatives.

Misses Hope Harmon and Grace Hungerford, who were at the bluff visiting friends the past week, came home last Saturday.

The National Light oil makes a clear, white light—get it at Borth Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Thos. R. Williams and daughter Miss Rachel, are in St. Louis visiting friends and relatives, since Thursday of last week. There are expected home tomorrow.

Mrs. C. O. Borth was on the sick list for a day or two this week, owing to a bilious attack. She had sufficiently recovered, however, yesterday to be again at her post in the Ripley county bank.

Judge Lathrop Harris arrived at home last Sunday from a visit with a sister at Springfield, Mo. He came home by way of St. Louis and visited a brother in that city and other relatives in St. Louis county, where he lived when a young man.

The coal oil you have been looking for—National Light—at Borth Mercantile Co.

The senior Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church met at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ferguson last night for the purpose of counting nickels collected for the purpose of buying a new organ for the church. The society had previously been divided into two parties by choosing sides, Mrs. George Wheelock having charge of one division and Miss Gertrude Williams the other. A good sum was collected as a starter, Miss Williams' side having the best of the show down, collecting 50 cents more than Mrs. Wheelock's side. The total sum gathered amounting to \$34.80. The evening was very pleasantly passed, light refreshments being served and all enjoyed the hospitality of the host and hostess.

Pearl, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Russell, while playing ball on the school ground yesterday, received a blow from a bat in the hands of a playmate, accidentally, that cut and bruised his lips badly and he had to be taken to the doctor to have the injury dressed.

Grand Master R. R. Kruger, of Kansas City, and Grand Lecturer, J. R. McLachlin, both masons of high degree, were here the first two days of this week holding a lodge of instruction in Masonry. There was a good meeting at each session and the visitors were nicely entertained by the lodge members, one of the features being a trip up the river in a launch, under conduct of Will Martin.

A message was received here last Monday, by Sheriff Robinson, from the sheriff at Rock Island, Illinois, stating that he held there under arrest, Alfred Perkins, and wanted to know if he was wanted here. As no one here had ever made complaint against Perkins, the telegram was turned over to the banks and the officials of the State Bankers Association were notified of the arrest. It seems that some months ago the officers of the association offered a reward for the apprehension of Perkins, who has been guilty of having worthless checks cashed. It will be remembered that Perkins left here to attend a state Republican meeting of some kind at St. Louis, along last spring and has never returned, but instead, for awhile thereafter, his checks, which had been cashed by his prominent Republican political friends, began to come in here to the banks and had to be turned down, there being no funds to his credit in either bank. Perkins secured several hundred dollars in this way, but had disappeared from the ken of his friends and acquaintances here. He may possibly now have a chance to hold a job at Jefferson City, and then, again, his political friends, whom he best, may let the matter drop.

Martin Timlin, a wellknown and highly respected farmer and citizen of Gatewood township, was brought to town yesterday suffering from aberration of the mind, caused from an injury received last spring, by which the skull was crushed until a portion of it rested on the brain. He will be taken to St. Louis, to a hospital, Sunday, by Dr. E. A. Proctor, and an operation performed, when it is to be hoped he will rapidly recover and regain his former health. The accident that caused his condition was occasioned by being thrown or dragged against a stump or log, while he was engaged in putting a ring in a bullnose. The animal sprang away just as he was placing the ring in position and he was thrown to the ground, the ring catching his finger in such way as to hold him firmly by the finger. He held to the rope and was dragged about forty feet, or until he struck the obstruction, when the rope broke and the ring let go. Mr. Timlin got up and did not think at the time that he was seriously hurt, but later he suffered much pain, and during the year has been partially incapacitated from work, and recently his mind became affected. He is stopping with Sheriff Robinson, as the attacks make him so nervous at times that he is violent.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prepared for and edited by Supt. Bertram Harry.

ROOM 1—MRS. HUDSON, Teacher. We have had five new students to enter since the holidays.

No tardies for the morning class. One for the evening class. Our Thanksgiving exercises were well attended and the room exhibits seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The children are studying the sheep, the camel, and the donkey in relation to Christmas as nature work this month.

ROOM 2—MYRTLE WILLIAMS, Teacher.

Emmett Boyett enrolled in the second grade last week.

Jewel Taylor made a tardy for the second grade Monday.

Cecil Davis is in school again after an absence of several weeks.

Marie Fortner, Hazel Sandlin and McKinley Borth were out of school last week on account of illness.

Three of "The Fairy Readers" have been added to our desk library which are being enjoyed very much and for which we owe our thanks to the American Book Company.

ROOM 3—ELISE DOHERTY, Teacher.

Attendance is improving.

Uncle Jerry Davis was a welcome visitor last Friday.

Anita Miles who has been absent on account of sickness is back in school again.

Oscar Helise, Albert Wiedeman, and Benit Boyett enrolled last Monday. Cecil O'Neal and Ada Clarke enrolled this week making our total enrollment sixty-five.

ROOM 5—MARGARET YOUNG, Teacher.

John Helise has re-entered after an absence of two months.

William Markham was absent last week on account of sickness.

Albert Sheppard, Ada Ponder and Eunice Vise were visiting out of town last week.

John Paul sustained a severe injury last week by being accidentally struck with a rock.

ROOM 6—MAY SCOTT, Teacher.

We are reviewing now in most of our work.

Some of our pupils are absent on account of sickness.

We are glad to be together again after the holidays.

Lowell Lane is absent on account of injuries sustained. The class remembered him with a book.

We have finished the study of the United States and are now making product maps of the country.

We are doing practical work in arithmetic now, learning to measure the lumber for a house, paper and plaster the same.

ROOM 7—BEN COTTON, Teacher.

Follow to the finish the "winner of the tens."

Drawing material first, a suggestion; then a hint; and then—

Yes, we really did some work last week. See the grades rise!

Ask the eighth grade pupils the significance of dwelling in V. G. land.

The pupil who can intelligently express in writing, ideas gained orally is, without doubt, the thinking pupil. As a proof of this statement examine our composition books.

HIGH SCHOOL.

C. E. PENCE, CANNIE M. DAMRON, Teachers.

Excellent work is being done in the high school since the vacation.

Chester Cartwright walked to town Monday morning from his home nine miles in the country. This is working for an education and it is just such determination as this that develops boys into the kind of men that are needed to make our country and our age one of true greatness.

On Wednesday, November 18th, the high school students and faculty were highly entertained by an excellent program rendered by the Senior Class. The program was opened by scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Swaim, of the Presbyterian Church. The toast, responded to by Rev. Crawford, emphasizing the spiritual side of education, and the response by Prof. Harry were highly appreciated. The rest of the program consisted of a duet by Misses Mabrey and Wright, a piano solo by Miss Wright, a reading by Miss Clara Barrett, a quartette by members of the Senior Class, and was finished with some class songs. All the numbers were well rendered.

The program came as a complete surprise to most of the students and faculty and this fact gave the occasion an added interest and pleasure. Everyone present complimented the seniors on their efforts and gave them a standing invitation to repeat the performance.

Several visitors were present.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Some of the teachers and several of the students attended the farmers institute last week. The displays of corn and chickens were especially worthy of mention.

The work being taken up by these institutes should receive the support and careful consideration of every farmer in Ripley County. In an age of such rapid progress as this the man who does less than his best, who neglects any opportunity to keep abreast of the times works at a great disadvantage.

Ephraim B. Stone, aged 85 years, died at the residence of his son, James, at Pine, on the night of the 3rd instant, after a week's illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held last Friday and was conducted by the Masonic Lodge of Pine, of which body he was a member. He was a native of Kentucky, but came to Ripley county in 1880 and has since resided here. He was much respected and an estimable citizen. He was the father of County Clerk W. H. Stone, and leaves beside five other children, viz: J. L. of Pine, George and John, of Grandin, Mrs. J. R. Drain, of Pine, and a daughter in Kentucky.

Elmer Fineh, the local representative of the Goodwin-Jean Co., this week purchased a finely bred barred Plymouth Rock cock to head his breeding pen the coming season. The bird is of the Bradley strain and has a pedigree that makes him rank with the bluest blooded lines of that famous breed of fowls.

George N. McCauley, a brother of our fellow citizen, Robt. McCauley, died at his home near Minorca, Arkansas, last Sunday night at 11 o'clock, of pneumonia. His age was 65 years. He was a wellknown and highly respected citizen and had a large circle of friends in this and his home county. The funeral was held last Tuesday. His widow is also very ill with the same disease, and may not recover.

R. E. Lee was out in the flatwoods section this week for a day or two hunting with a party of friends who live in that neighborhood, and got a deer. The animal had been started and was running some distance across his front, when it encountered some of the other hunters of the party and they turned it so that it ran right down on Bob, who

put the loads of his gun into the animals head and killed it on the spot. None of the other parties got a shot at it. Ben Slayton, who was with another party hunting in that section, also got a deer, in the same neighborhood and the same day.

Andrew Powers, an old citizen of Washington township, died at his home near Fairdealing last Wednesday, about 1 o'clock p. m. He had been a sufferer from cancer of the stomach for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He was well known in that community and stood high as a citizen and a neighbor. The funeral was held yesterday, and was in charge of Composite Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of this city, of which he was an old member, fourteen of the members of the lodge going out to attend the funeral yesterday. His age was 80 years and he was a native of the country, and perhaps, the oldest citizen of the county. He was buried in the Fairdealing cemetery a large crowd attending the funeral to pay respect to a worthy and upright citizen, who has gone to his last long sleep.

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